In the Government Bill, I find another flaw. It is not obligatory on the part of the Government to appoint a board or a committee. Government by itself may fix the wages and the draft of the order will be published in the Gazette and opinions will be called for. But I desire that it should be and must be obligatory on the part of Government to appoint wage boards or committees so that the representatives of labour and employers may sit together and come to an amicable settlement. With these few words I request that the Bill may be read in Council.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government accepts the principles of this Bill and I submit that this Bill may be referred to the same select committee which is appointed to consider the Government Bill.

Mrs. T. Francis *(Womens-Ernakulam):* Let me say one word. To safeguard the interests of women labourers of the State I am of opinion, in the select committee a lady member should be included. So I suggest Mrs. K. M. R. Menon be included in the select committee.

Mr. President: The question before the House is the Cochin Minimum Wages Bill be read in Council.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is the Cochin Minimum Wages Bill.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be referred to the same select committee considering the Government Bill plus Mrs. K. M. R. Menon.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, except under extraordinary conditions the strength of the select committee used to be seven. So I suggest that the select committee may not be made too crowded as this.

Mr. President: Order, order. Members need not add now to the membership of the select committee already appointed.

The question before the House is that the Cochin Minimum Wages Bill be referred to the same select committee as that which is considering the Government Minimum Wages Bill.

Motion put and carried

V. THE PRESIDENT'S RULING ON MR. EZHUTHASSAN'S POINT OF ORDER

Mr. President: Before the House adjourns, I have to make a statement. I understand that yesterday after-noon the question came up regarding the intention of what I said with regard to the resolution. My intention was that the resolution which is now under discussion, should be finished and that then immediately Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan's Motion regarding the Food Administration should be taken up. I did not realise, at the time, that Resolution No. 1 on the paper had not yet been taken up for discussion at all. I took it for granted that the resolution on which discussion had been started would be placed at the head of the paper. I think that the best arrangement is to finish discussion on the resolution on which discussion has been started and then to take up the discussion on the Food question.

The House rose for lunch at 1-30 p.m. and reassembled at 2-30 p.m. with M.R.Ry. L. M. Pylee Avl., Deputy President in the Chair.

VI. BILLS—NON-OFFICIAL— *(cont.)*

(iv) The Cochin Verumpattamdars' Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* I second it.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. മാണി: സർ, ഈ ബില്ലുകൊണ്ട് ഞാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു് ഇന്നത്തെ കുടിയാന്മാരിൽ ഒരു വിഭാഗം അനുഭവിച്ചുവരുന്ന ദുരിതങ്ങൾക്കു് ഒരു പരിഹാരം കണ്ടുപിടിക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു്. കൊച്ചിയിലെ കുടിയാന്മാരെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറയുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവരിൽ രണ്ടു പ്രധാന വിഭാഗക്കാരുണ്ടു്. ഒന്നാമത്തെ വിഭാഗമാണു് കാണാധാരക്കാർ. അതായതു് ഏതാനും സംഖ്യ ജന്മിക്കുകൊടുത്തു് വസ്തു കാണാധാരം എഴുതിവാങ്ങി ചില അവകാശങ്ങളും അനുഭോഗംകൊടുത്തു് സ്ഥിരാവകാശത്തോടുകൂടി വസ്തു അനുഭവിച്ചുവരുന്ന കാണകുടിയാന്മാർ ഒരു കൂട്ടർ. മറ്റൊരു പ്രധാന വിഭാഗം വെറുംപാട്ടക്കാർ. വസ്തുവിൽ യാതൊരു ശാശ്വതാവകാശവും ഇല്ലാതെ അനുഭോഗം കൃഷിനടത്തി ജന്മിക്കു കൊടു

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